

**Table B-7. Number of 1995 and 1996 science and engineering bachelor's degree recipients, by amount borrowed for undergraduate education and major field of degree: April 1997**

Major field of 1995-96 S&E bachelor's degree	Total recipients	Undergraduate loan amount		
		Less than \$10,000	\$10,000-24,999	\$25,000 or more
All science and engineering fields.....	708,900	429,400	196,300	83,200
Major type				
Total science.....	593,800	363,700	163,000	67,100
Total engineering.....	115,100	65,700	33,300	16,200
Major field				
Computer and information sciences.....	41,000	27,200	10,000	3,900
Life and related sciences, total.....	139,000	84,400	39,400	15,100
Agricultural and food sciences.....	14,000	8,700	4,000	S
Biological sciences.....	115,300	70,000	32,200	13,100
Environmental life sciences including forestry sciences.....	9,700	5,700	3,200	S
Mathematical and related sciences.....	26,800	16,300	7,400	3,100
Physical and related sciences, total.....	36,600	23,500	9,400	3,700
Chemistry, except biochemistry.....	20,100	13,100	5,100	1,900
Earth sciences, geology, and oceanography.....	9,200	5,700	2,400	1,100
Physics and astronomy.....	6,900	4,400	1,800	700
Other physical sciences.....	S	S	S	S
Psychology.....	138,000	81,600	39,400	16,900
Social and related sciences, total.....	212,400	130,700	57,400	24,300
Economics.....	33,300	21,600	9,400	2,300
Political science and related sciences.....	72,900	43,200	20,900	8,800
Sociology and anthropology.....	66,900	40,400	17,900	8,600
Other social sciences.....	39,300	25,400	9,200	4,700
Engineering, total.....	115,100	65,700	33,300	16,200
Aerospace and related engineering.....	3,000	1,800	800	400
Chemical engineering.....	11,600	6,900	3,200	1,500
Civil and architectural engineering.....	20,700	12,000	6,100	2,600
Electrical, electronic, computer and communications engineering.....	32,900	17,600	10,300	5,100
Industrial engineering.....	5,800	3,400	1,800	600
Mechanical engineering.....	27,900	16,300	7,700	4,000
Other engineering.....	13,200	7,800	3,600	1,800

**KEY:** S = Data with weighted values less than 100 or unweighted sample sizes less than 20 are suppressed for reasons of data reliability.

**NOTES:** Details may not add to totals because of rounding.

These estimates on recent college graduates are obtained from a sample survey of individuals whose most recent bachelor's or master's degree is in a science or engineering field and may differ from degree counts presented in other SRS publications.

**SOURCE:** National Science Foundation/Division of Science Resources Studies, National Survey of Recent College Graduates, 1997